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COVID warrior's suicide

State-wide doctors' strike called off

To resume duty from tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (RKB&BCT)- The State-wide protest by doctors over the suicide of Nanjangud Taluk Health Officer Dr. S.R. Nagendra has been withdrawn following the decision by the State unit of Karnataka Government Medical Officers Association. The Mysuru unit of the Association too has withdrawn from the strike and doctors will report to work from tomorrow (Aug.24).

Following the suicide, testing of people for COVID-19 has come to a halt since last Friday. Also, there has been no COVID reporting mechanism from Mysuru as doctors were on strike.

Dr. Nagendra, a 43-year-old Taluk Health Officer (THO) at Nanjangud, died by suicide on Thursday due to alleged harassment by Zilla Panchayat CEO Prashant Kumar Mishra. Dr. Nagendra was found hanging at his quarters in Alanahalli where he had been staying alone. Nagendra's family was residing in another area in Mysuru district and he chose to stay alone out of fear of contracting the virus and spreading it.

Doctors claimed that Mishra

Dr. S.R. Nagendra

was arrogant and abusive, and that he had set COVID-19 test targets for all that were impossible to achieve because of a huge resource crunch. They alleged that the officer used to abuse the deceased doctor and he ended his life as he was unable to take this humiliation beyond a point. Doctors alleged "persecution" of Dr. Nagendra, who was on COVID-19 duty for over five months, and claimed that he was under pressure to ramp up testing in the taluk.

Prashanth Kumar Mishra has now been transferred without a posting and Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar has been given the Additional Charge of ZP CEO.

Black band protest

Speaking to reporters in city this morning, Karnataka Government Medical Officers Association State Vice-President Dr. Devi Anand said that the Association has imposed certain conditions for the withdrawal of the strike.

Devi Anand, who is also the President of Mysuru District Karnataka Government Medical Officers Association, said that Prashanth Kumar Mishra's transfer must be revoked and he must be placed under immediate suspension, pending enquiry.

"Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has asked the Regional Commissioner, Mysuru, to conduct the enquiry and submit the report to the Government within a week. We will report to work from tomorrow wearing black arm bands till the report is submitted," he said.

Nodal officers

The other conditions laid by the Association are the appointment of Health Department Medical Officers as COVID-19 Nodal Officers.

(See STRIKE on page 6)

Search for Talacauvery landslide victims given up

Madikeri, Aug. 23 (PS&SD)- After a frantic search for 16 days, search teams have given up the search for two persons who are buried deep underneath the debris of a massive landslide at Talacauvery. Five persons, including Narayanachar, the Chief Priest of Talacauvery, were buried alive after a portion of Gajagiri Hill, adjoining Brahmagiri Hill, at Talacauvery collapsed on two houses on the midnight of Aug.5.

Three bodies — Narayanachar, his brother Ananda Theertha and Assistant Priest Ravikiran Bhat — were traced and family members performed last rites but the remains of Narayanachar's wife Shantha Achar and Assistant Priest Srinivas Bhat could not be traced.

The decision to abandon the search was taken yesterday after 16 days of hectic efforts to trace the remaining two victims. The search teams comprised National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Bhagamandala Police, Forest and Fire Departments.

The teams struggled hard to pull out bodies under difficult mountainous terrain using heavy machineries amidst heavy rains and strong winds.

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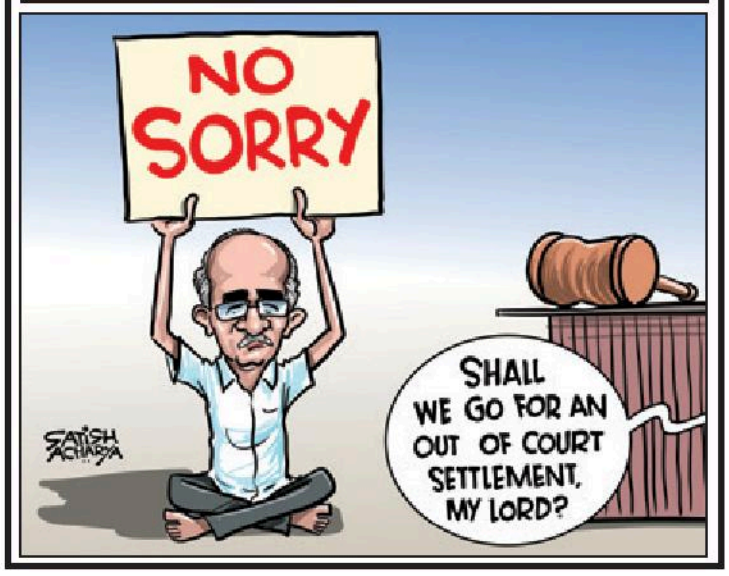

Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released on Aug.20

Positive cases on Aug. 20	:	253
Total positive cases	:	12,304
Discharges on Aug. 20	:	0
Total discharges	:	7,302
Deaths on Aug. 20	:	0
Total deaths	:	320
Total active cases	:	4,682

NOTE: *As Health Department staff in Mysuru district were on strike since Friday, no Mysuru COVID update is available.*

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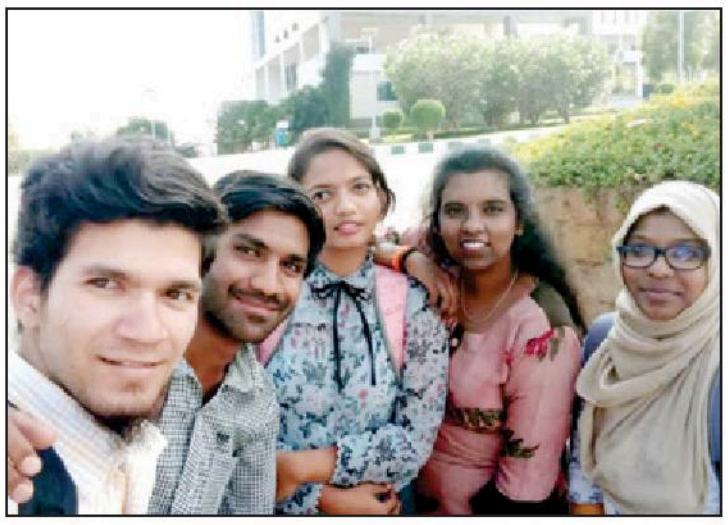
Mysuru, Sunday 23rd August 2020

City students take part in Smart India Hackathon 2020 Grand Finale



Mysuru, Aug. 23- A group of six students from ATME College of Engineering, Mysuru, participated in Smart India Hackathon (SIH)-2020 Grand Finale recently. This is the fourth consecutive time students from ATME College of Engineering, were selected for Grand Finale.

Smart India Hackathon is a nationwide initiative to provide students with a platform to solve some of the pressing problems we face in our daily lives, and thus inculcate a culture of product innovation and a mindset of problem-solving.

The first three editions SIH2017, SIH2018 and SIH2019 proved to be extremely successful in promoting innovation out-of-the-box thinking in young minds, especially engineering students from across India.

The fourth edition of Smart India Hackathon 2020 was held on 1st, 2nd and 3rd of August 2020. This time the event was virtually conducted across the nation due to COVID-19.

The six students from Department of Computer Science and Engineering, ATME College of Engineering, led by K.A. Samura Mariyam with team members Syed Abdur Rahaman, Syed Asif, M.T. Usha, R. Anu Kanthan, T.N. Sinchan Muthamma and Team mentor Nasreen Fathima, Assistant Professor, Department of CSE, ATMECE, participated in SIH 2020 Grand Finale connected virtually to the Nodal Centre — Noida Institute of Engineering and Technology, Greater Noida. Students had designed Android App for online OPD appointment and Health Information System for the problem statement given under All India Institute of Ayurveda — Ministry of AYUSH.

It is an Android application developed for booking an online appointment for outpatient consultation at hospital, with online payment feature that to be integrated to the existing integrated hospital management system.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

[Courtesy: Deccan Herald]

NEWS SPARKLERS

University offers $1,900 grants 'for doing nothing'

Berlin: A German University is offering "idleness grants" to Germans willing to abstain from activity as part of research for an exhibition on sustainability. The University of Fine Arts in Hamburg said three people will receive the "grant for doing nothing" and be paid $1,900 to engage in a specific form of "active inactivity."

The school said applicants are free to choose their own form of idleness — an activity to abstain from — and a panel of school officials will choose the three best pitches. The University said the grant money will be issued when the chosen applicants submit their experience reports in mid-January. Von Borries said the participants who submit their reports will be paid regardless of whether their attempt at inactivity was successful.

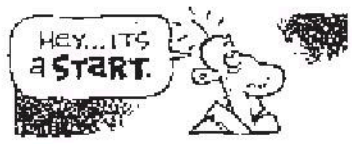
Animal baby boom at Palestinian Zoo after people disappear

Qalqilya: Peacocks, ostriches and baboons joined in an animal baby boom at a Palestinian Zoo during the Coronavirus closure as they let nature take its course free from human distractions. Fifteen animals were born at the tiny Qalqilya Zoo in the Israeli-occupied West Bank during the two months that it shut its doors to visitors - three times more than usual, Zoo officials said.

"The coronavirus spread at the same time that trips were expected at the zoo. They were canceled and therefore the animals started to give birth," said Zoo Veterinarian Sami Khader. An ostrich that laid eggs had the chance to incubate them properly. But this year she produced 11 eggs and "because there weren't people around her, she was able to build a nest", he said.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Can massaging my scalp stimulate hair growth?



In a Scottish study, 44 percent of those who received a daily scalp massage using rosemary, cedarwood, lavender and thyme, with jojoba and grapeseed as a carried oil, saw an improvement in their hair loss. The control group, using only the carrier oils, experienced a 15 per cent improvement.

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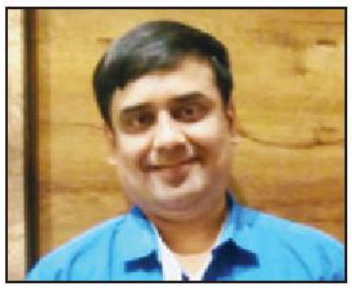
Selected for 'Performance Excellence Award'



Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna

Mysuru, Aug. 23- Dr. S. A. Mohan Krishna, Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering, Mysuru, has been selected for 'Performance Excellence Award' by second International Academic and Research Excellence Awards (IARE) - 2020 in recognition of his achievements in research and academics. This award summit will be held on Oct. 3, 2020 at Goa.

Dr. Mohan Krishna has published over 90 papers in peer reviewed international journals and presented papers at Qatar and Singapore and also in various parts of Karnataka.

He is in the editorial and reviewer board for nearly 100 reputed referred international journals including the Elsevier and Springer. He has authored three books in the stream of engineering —'A Text Book on Cryogenics', 'A Book on Illustrative Problems in Engineering Thermodynamics' and 'A Book for Competitive Examinations in Mechanical Engineering.'

A research supervisor, he is a life member and member of various professional bodies. He is the recipient of NIE Gold Medal, Dr. Raj Achievement Technology Award, Bharat Ratna Sir M. Visvesvaraya Achievement Award, Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Achievement Award, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Education Award, Dr. Satish Dhawan Achievement Award, Sir C V Raman Lifetime Achievement Award, Dr. Raja Ramanna Award, Dr. U.R. Rao Achievement International Excellence Award and many more in the field of science, education, engineering, astronomy and technology. He has been given three honorary doctorates by three Universities.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Full-fledged Regional Passport Office needed in Mysuru City

Sir,

The Consular and Passport Division of the Ministry of External Affairs and the Department of Posts have launched a Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) in Mysuru.

The POPSK located at Metagalli Post Office processes online passport applications but only for 40 applicants and only under the normal category.

POPSK is a very beneficial move at Mysuru for the applicants intending to either apply for a fresh passport or renew the existing passport. It otherwise has no facility to avail Tatkal appointments and thus an applicant seeking Tatkal passport is only compelled to travel to Passport Seva Kendras at Bengaluru only located either in Lalbagh or Marathalli.

There is now an urgent need to establish a full-fledged additional Regional Passport Office in Mysuru City only to serve the residents of Mysuru and neighbouring districts of Kodagu, Mandya, Hassan, and Chamarajanagar. Of late, Mysuru is witnessing a surge in the number of fresh applications both under the Normal and Tatkal category.

The applicants from Mysuru city and surrounding areas will benefit from a full-fledged Passport Office established at Myuru that will also facilitate in disposing-off passport application requests in a time-bound manner including processing Tatkal appointments.

Hence, the Consular, Passport, and Visa Division under the aegis of Ministry of External Affairs, along with the Regional Passport Office in Bengaluru, is requested to look into establishing a full-fledged additional Regional Passport Office at Mysuru also.

—Varun Dambal

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KSOU announces revised time-table for Supplementary Exam

Mysuru, Aug. 23- The city's KSOU (Karnataka State Open University), which had postponed the Supplementary Exams for some of its courses due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic, has now announced a revised time-table for the conduct of Supplementary Exams, according to which the exams for BA/ B.Sc courses for the academic years 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2018-19 will commence from Sept. 1 and that for first/ second Semester of MBA Course for the academic years 2014-15, 2018-19 and 2019-20, from Sept. 5.

However, there will be no change in the exam centres, according to a press release issued by University Registrar Dr. Kavitha Rai.

The revised time-table has been notified in the KSOU website *(www.ksoumysuru.ac.in)*.

For details, call: 0821-2519947 or 2515405 or 2519948.

Gazetted Probationers Prelims Exam at 52 centres in city tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 23- Prelims Exam conducted by Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) for appointment as Gazetted Probationers will be held tomorrow at 52 centres across the city.

Some of the exam centres are Maharani's Women's Science College, Chinmaya Composite PU College, Sadvidya High School, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Gopalaswamy Shishuvihara Independent PU College, Maharshi Public School, Maharaja's Government PU College, St. Joseph's High School, Vijaya Vittala Vidyashala, Farooqia Boys High School, D. Banumaiah's Arts and Commerce College, Sharada Vilasa PU College, Teresian PU College, Marimallappa's PU College, Pramati Hill View Academy and others.

In order to ensure smooth conduct of the exam and to prevent any unauthorised person from visiting the exam venue, the City Police have clamped prohibitory orders and Section 144 of the Cr.PC has been imposed from 6 am to 6 pm tomorrow in 200 meters radius of all 52 exam centres, according to a press release from City Police Commissioner Dr Chandragupta.

Scholarship

Mysuru, Aug. 23- The Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement has invited applications from ex-servicemen for providing scholarship to their children, for the year 2020-21.

Children of ex-servicemen or their dependents, studying in first standard to final year graduate and diploma courses are eligible to apply. Applications can be obtained from Office of the Deputy Director, Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement and duly filled-in application forms should be submitted before Sept. 30. For those studying professional courses, the last date is Nov.30. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2425240.

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II PUC Supplementary Exams from Sept.7 to 18

Bengaluru, Aug. 23- The Department of Pre-University Education has released the time-table for the 2nd PUC Supplementary Exams - 2020. The exams will be conducted from Sept. 7 to 18 in two shifts — 10.15 am to 1.30 pm and 2.15 pm to 5.30 pm.

The Board declared the 2nd PUC Results 2020 on July 14. Out of the 5.95 lakh students who registered for the exams, 61.80 per cent cleared the 2nd PUC.

The pass percentage in the science stream was at 67.28 per cent, which was followed by the Commerce stream at 65.52 per cent then arts at 41.27 per cent.

TIME-TABLE OF II PUC SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMS - 2020

DATE	10.15 am to 1.30 pm	2.15 pm to 5.30 pm
Sept. 7	Urdu, Sanskrit	Information Technology, Retail, Automobile, Health Care, Beauty & Wellness, Home Science
Sept. 8	History, Statistics, Biology	
Sept. 9	Hindi	Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Marathi, Arabic, French
Sept. 10	English	
Sept. 11	Optional Kannada, Electronics, Computer Science	Karnatak Music, Hindustani Music, Geology
Sept. 12	Economics, Physics	
Sept. 14	Logic Business Studies, Chemistry, Education	
Sept. 15	Kannada	
Sept. 16	Political Science, Basic Maths	
Sept. 17	Sociology, Accountancy, Mathematics	
Sept. 18	Geography	Psychology

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NEWS BRIEFS

Deadline extended

The Directorate of Technical Education has extended the deadline for submission of application forms by SSLC passed students seeking admission for Technical Diploma Courses to Aug. 29. Interested students can submit applications online or at the CPC Government Polytechnic in city or at the designated Help Centres. For details, log on to https:/dtetech.karnataka.gov.in/kartechnical or http://cetonline.karnataka.gov.in/kea/

Legal volunteers

The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) has invited applications from eligible candidates for appointment as part-time legal volunteers. Candidates who are service minded, possessing a minimum educational qualification of a pass in SSLC and experience in social service are eligible to apply. Interested candidates may send their bio-data along with a photograph and a photocopy of Aadhaar Card either by post or through e-mail before Aug.24 to DLSA. Selected candidates must identify people who require legal aid and guide them in connection with their works at Courts and Govt. offices. They will be a paid a honorarium at Rs.500 a day.

Webinar

Indira Gandhi National Open University, Regional Centre, Bengaluru and Bangalore Institute of Technology, have organised a National Webinar on 'New Education Policy 2020 - Prospective Changes in Higher Education System' on Aug. 24 at 4.30 pm through Google Meet [https://meet.google.com/htn-hdzp-gds]. Chief Resource Person will be Dr. N.N. Prahalada, former Professor & Editor, RIE, Mysuru.

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Today	2,858.27 ft
Inflow	1,677 cusecs
Outflow	1,300 cusecs

Irwin Road widening picks up pace

Portion of District Industries Centre demolished

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (RK&KS)- Works on demolition of properties for the widening of Irwin Road picked up pace with the demolition of a portion of the District Industries Centre (DIC) building near Government Ayurveda College Circle on Thursday.

A portion of the DIC building measuring 10ft. wide and 300 ft. in length was demolished using an earth excavation machine under the supervision of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Zone-6 Assistant Commissioner (AC) Nagaraj and other officials.

The construction of concrete box drains, median, footpath, installation of heritage lamp posts are going on simultaneously, AC Nagaraj said and added that the tenders for the works have been awarded to two contractors to complete the works soon besides stating that out of the total 86 properties to be demolished, 84 properties have been demolished so far.

It may be recalled that the widening works of Irwin Road in the heart of the city was launched in 2018.

The all-important Irwin Road, which connects the Taluk Office (Mini Vidhana Soudha), Sub-Urban Bus Stand, Head Post Office, K.R. Hospital, Government Ayurveda College, New Sayyaji Rao Road, Railway Station, Devaraj Market, Bamboo Bazar, Ashoka Road and several other key offices and spots, was always buzzing with activity, with thousands of vehicles passing through the stretch day and night.

Due to high density of vehicles, especially during peak hours, the road used to witness frequent traffic jams and snarls as it was very narrow for the present day traffic thus causing a lot of inconvenience to motorists and the pedestrians alike.

As the road was witnessing huge traffic jams almost every day, the MCC had decided to widen this rather narrow road from 12 mts to 18 mts.

Voters' list revision drive begins; to conclude on Oct.31

Mysuru, Aug. 23- As per the direction of the Election Commission of India (ECI), the voters' list revision has begun in Chamundeshwari Assembly segment of the city. The drive will continue till Oct. 31, during which the eligible voters can add or delete names, make corrections or take transfer to other booths.

Accordingly, youths who attain 18 years of age as on Jan. 1, 2021, can include their names in the voters' list by filling up Form-6 along with self-attested copies of necessary documents.

Likewise, Form-7 is meant for dropping of names, Form-8 for corrections in voter details and Form-8a for transfer to another booth in the same Assembly segment.

The Mysuru Taluk Tahsildar has, in a press release, said that the voters of Chamundeshwari Assembly segment, who have already registered, are required to get confirmation on whether their names are included in the new voters' list. In case they do not find their names, the eligible voters have an opportunity for re-inclusion of their names.

Freedom fighter

Dr. M.G. Krishnamurthy no more

Mysuru, Aug. 23- Dr. M.G. Krishnamurthy (89), a freedom fighter and President of Mysuru District Freedom Fighters' Association, passed away on Friday night in city following heart attack.

Dr. M.G. Krishnamurthy

A resident of Brindavan Extension, he leaves behind a daughter, son-in-law and a host of relatives and friends.

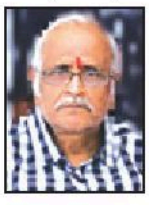
Last rites will be performed upon the arrival of his daughter from Netherlands, according to family sources.

Born in Maralawadi village in Kakanahalli of Bengaluru district, Dr. Krishnamurthy was influenced by freedom struggle on learning about it from his teacher at Gandhian Sorekaidoddi Kariyappa's Rural High School at Kakanahalli. He then took his first step towards it as a school kid during Quit India Movement at the village in 1942.

He had also taken the lead role during Mysore Chalo Movement in 1947.

Obituary

A.P. Ranganatha



Mysuru, Aug. 23- A.P. Ranganatha (73), proprietor of SRS Printers and a resident of Shivarampet, passed away on Friday afternoon in city.

He leaves behind a son, a daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday, according to family sources.

Akshay Kumar's episode of Bear Grylls' Into the Wild to première on Sept. 11

New Delhi, Aug. 23 (Agencies)- The special episode of Bear Grylls' 'Into the Wild', featuring actor Akshay Kumar as a guest inside the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, will première on Sept. 11, the actor announced. Recently, the British TV host has featured everyone from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to actor Rajinikanth on the adventure show.

Akshay Kumar's episode will première for Discovery Plus India members on Sept. 11 at 8 pm while it will air on Discovery Channel at 8 pm on Sept. 14. "You thinking I mad... but mad only going into the wild," Akshay wrote on Twitter, sharing a teaser for the episode, which sees the actor and the host in a jungle environment, swinging towards each other on ropes.

The teaser features both Akshay and show host Bear Grylls in interesting 'Into The Wild' moments. Bear Grylls described his new "adventure buddy" in these words: "Life is an adventure that is best lived boldly, and there are few better (madder) adventure buddies than the legendary Akshay Kumar."

The actor shot for the episode in January this year at Bandipur Tiger Reserve. A Bollywood report quoted a source as saying, "Akshay Kumar makes for an ideal guest on Man Vs Wild. He's agile, energetic and quite fit as we all know. He can easily roam around in the difficult terrain of the forest and make for great company with Bear Grylls. Akshay hopes to learn the survival techniques from Bear. The British adventurer too hopes to imbibe some of his admirable qualities. We assure it'll be an episode to watch out for!"

Akshay Kumar, who spent over six hours inside the core area of the Bandipur Tiger Reserve, was bowled over and overwhelmed by nature in its wild form. The actor, being an adventure enthusiast, crossed a rope over Moolehole River to check out parts of Tiger Road in the core area of the Reserve. The team shot at Tiger Road and two other places and most parts of the shooting took place around Rampura elephant camp in Moolehole range.

Among the celebrities that have featured on the show are actors Kate Winslet and Julia Roberts, tennis player Roger Federer, basketball star Michael Jordan and President Barack Obama. Akshay is currently in the UK, where he has commenced the shoot of his upcoming spy film, 'Bell Bottom', which also stars Huma Qureshi and Lara Dutta.

Ahead of Akshay Kumar, megastar Rajinikanth also featured in an episode of 'Into The Wild', which was also shot in the Bandipur Tiger Reserve.

Last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a special appearance on an episode of Bear Grylls 'Into The Wild', when they made a trip to Uttarakhand's Jim Corbett National Park.

Gandhiji's glasses auctioned for 340,327 dollars in UK

London, Aug. 23 (Agencies)- A pair of gold-rimmed spectacles believed to be once worn by Mahatma Gandhi was sold in an auction for 260,000 pounds (approximately 340,327 dollars or over Rs 2.5 crore) in the UK on Friday, four weeks after they were first discovered sticking out of a letter box outside the auction house, BBC reported.

"We found them just four weeks ago in our letterbox, left there by a gentleman whose uncle had been given them by Gandhi himself," East Bristol Auctions wrote on Instagram after the sale late Friday. The iconic spectacles were sold to an American collector within six minutes of bidding at an auction in Bristol. Gandhiji was known for giving out old or unwanted pairs to those in need or those who had helped him. The non-violent protester gave the glasses to the vendor's uncle while he was working for British Petroleum in South Africa during the 1920s or 30s, said the auction house. The sale price smashed the original estimate of around 15,000 pounds.

Mid-day meal workers seek payment of wages

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (PM&DM)- Seeking payment of wages for the entire lockdown period, mid-day meal workers under the banner of All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC)-affiliated Karnataka Rajya Samyukta Akshara Dasoha Karmikara Sangha staged a demonstration in front of the ZP office here on Thursday.

Raising slogans, the protesters urged the Government to fulfil their demands which chiefly included payment of wages till the schools re-open, payment of wages for the lockdown months of March and April and distribution of ration kits, among others.

Sangha office-bearers Muddukrishna, Chandrashekar Meti, Raju, Basavaraju and others were present.

Govt. issues oxygen therapy guidelines amid COVID-19 surge

Bengaluru, Aug. 23 (UNI)- Amid surge of Coronavirus cases in Karnataka, the State Health Department has recognised that unnecessary excessive oxygen therapy is being administered to patients, compelling it to issue guidelines on use of the gas, an official said yesterday.

In the event of oxygen saturation level being greater than or equal to 94 percent in a COVID patient, the guidelines suggest no oxygen therapy but monitoring of vitals while regular treatment protocol is continued.

"There is a non-judicious and excessive use of oxygen therapy being done without proper monitoring that is leading to its shortage, besides its waste and loss of money," said Additional Chief Secretary Jawaid Akhtar citing a study by the Clinical Expert Committee (CEC), which then issued the guidelines.

In the event of oxygen saturation level being greater than to equal to 94 percent in a COVID patient, the guidelines suggest no oxygen therapy but monitoring of vitals while regular treatment protocol is continued.

Likewise, unregulated oxygen use has also led to an unprecedented surge in demand for the gas to treat COVID-19 patients. "All the health institutions and doctors are advised to strictly adhere to the recommended protocol," pointed out Akhtar.

Incidentally, excess oxygen generation results in pulmonary oxygen toxicity. Free radicals generated in such a condition will damage the lung tissue.

"Clinical oxygen toxicity is manifested in several ways. Normal subjects experience a decrease in vital capacity and a fall in DICO. Lung compliance is diminished. Tracheobronchitis, which produces substernal chest pain, may also occur," said the guidelines.

Miraculous escape for passengers, driver as branch falls on auto

Two passengers and a driver had a miraculous escape when a huge branch of a tree fell on the auto near RTO Circle on Vani Vilas Road yesterday. Purushotham, the driver of the auto, had reportedly picked up two passengers and was ferrying them to their destination. When he came near RTO (West) Circle and took a turn, a huge branch of a tree near the petrol bunk snapped and fell on the auto, damaging it.

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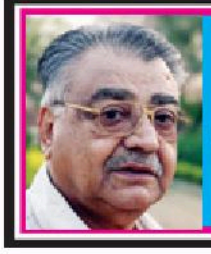

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Nostalgically Speaking – 6

L. Revannasiddaiah, IPS (Rtd.)

When I came to Mysore in 1977 for good, the Police head for the district, which included the newly-carved present Chamarajanagar district also, was the Superintendent of Police (SP). There was no Police Commissionerate (Police Commissioner) for Mysore city exclusively as now. With the steady growth of our city, the post of Police Commissioner was created in the year 1989.

The first District Superintendent of Police I came in touch with as a journalist in 1978, when we started the publication of *Star of Mysore* eveninger, was S.A. Subbaiah, IPS. The second was L. Revannasiddaiah, IPS.

I can never forget two IPS Officers who served in Mysore. One, of course, is L. Revannasiddaiah and another Kempaiah IPS. If only our country had officers of that calibre and commitment to serve the society, the Policing administration would be at much higher level than what we see today. I shall write about Kempaiah later. But for now, it is about Revannasiddaiah IPS as I know him.

A gentleman officer without any air about his position when he interacted with commoners irrespective of the individual's social, financial or official status. A good listener to his supplicants before he reacted. A rare quality for a senior district officer who, my experience of 43 years says, generally press the call-bell and ask for the immediate subordinate to pass on the buck to him and beam a smile. But Revannasiddaiah will press the call-bell only after having heard the person with a problem. This I recall even today because I was the person with problems who went to him three or four times.

Once a doctor came to me with an inland letter where the writer had demanded Rs. 10 lakh to be delivered, put in a garbage bin, near Vijaya Newspaper Press, behind Gayathri Talkies on a certain day and time. Otherwise, the letter warned that the doctor's only son would be kidnapped. He did not want to go to the Police as the criminals might

be watching him. He requested me to help. Since I knew Revannasiddaiah, SP, I went to his office. When I told him it was confidential, a good man that he is, immediately asked the guard to close the door. He patiently heard me, discussed the problem, then he said that he would entrust this job to his two trusted officers. Thereafter, he called them in and briefed them. The plan was set. But nobody came to take the 'suitcase'. Instead, a phone came changing the location to the Kalamandira Gate area with details. Fortunately, for a week there was no action from the criminals. All was well for the good doctor that ended well.

Not that other SPs or Commissioners were indifferent. Here is one more example where there was an IPS Officer, who did not pass the buck but listened to me personally and then gave me relief.

One night a lady lecturer and her husband came to my house, because I was *Star of Mysore* Editor, requesting me to help her with Police who did not seem to help her in tracing her high school going daughter who did not come home and their search for her turned futile. It was 10.30 pm in the night. Well, what could I do? I did not know the new SP but took a chance and called him. After the call was filtered, I was connected, probably because of '*Star of Mysore*.' I told him frankly the problem could not be explained on telephone and hence if I could visit him. Reluctantly he agreed. I went and when I explained, he was furious with his men who were apparently "for tomorrow." No, the SP shouted. "I have given you the clues. I want the girl returned to her parents tonight, for tomorrow would be too late." The good SP then sent me away with assurance. Within an hour or so, I get the good news from the Police! That night I learnt a management lesson: If the Boss means business, business will be done.

Now, to revert to Revannasiddaiah, he was the SP of Mysore from 8.8.1979 to 3.5.1982 and served our city well. Hardly any crime, even complex ones, went undetected. He is an officer who led from the front. Once when a running feud with rioting took place between two groups in Vidyaranyapuram area, he was there on the spot to bring the situation under control. It was then that he also made serendipitous disclosure that the murder that had taken place at the Co-operative Bank in Gandhi Square a few days back indeed had a different dimension and angle as indicated in a report in *Mysooru Mithra*, the sister publication of *Star of Mysore*. That murder mystery was soon cracked. The credit should go to Revannasiddaiah's genius in handling the case. I think he was given the Chief Minister's Gold Medal for Excellence in Investigation in 1980 for investigating this sensational murder case.

Be that as it may, as I know he was not a 'yes-no; let-us-see; wait till tomorrow etc.,' kind of an officer. He knew his mind well. Also, his responsibility. As a result, the criminals, anti-social elements and local *dadas* who managed the local Police found themselves uncomfortable during his period. He had instilled fear in the minds of these criminals and also the potential dons.

Once there was a confrontation between two groups — one so-called upper caste, other lower caste — at a village in Mysore Taluk. The humble hutments of the poor were burnt down and menfolks were attacked. As a result, they vacated the village and ran away. The following morning at 9 am, Revannasiddaiah, SP, came to my office in Saraswathipuram and called me to his car. He said he was going to that village and would like me to go with him. I jumped at the opportunity. Later, I wrote a detailed report as the eyes, ears and hearts of our reader. The SP commended me for the report.

Another time, he took me to Kollegal where a murder had taken place which made big news. I saw an IB Officer, who was there to collect intelligence about that murder. In a sense, the crime reporting during the time of Revannasiddaiah was so good, it helped increase the circulation of *Star of Mysore*. I must also thank one crime reporter Girish Nikkam, who had just arrived in Mysore after completing his studies in Bombay with specialisation in crime reporting.

Now retired, Revannasiddaiah belonged to 1965 IPS batch. No wonder, over the years, he rose to the highest office in the Police Department. He served as the Director General and Inspector General of Karnataka Police. Later, he became the Additional Director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). He was also the Commissioner of Bangalore City Police (1997-99).

He was an innovative officer who was responsible for the introduction of the Police patrolling units, *Hoysala* (like we have *Garuda* in Mysore) and *Helpline* for women and children. Now, he is the President of the Foundation for Restoring Human Dignity (FORHD), an NGO that looks after the distressed children and women belonging to the families of convicts. I had visited Mysore Jail with him once and was surprised at the care and concern he had shown to the jail inmates.

Unfortunately or fortunately (I do not know which of the two), Revannasiddaiah could not make a success of his political adventure, losing two elections, once as a Congress candidate and another as a BJP candidate from Chamundeshwari and Varuna Constituencies respectively. A successful Police Officer, ironically failed as a politician.

NOTE: *Nostalgically Speaking - 5 on 'Mission Hospital, Old Glory' was published on Aug. 16. Watch out for Nostalgically Speaking - 7 on 'H.S. Shankaralingegowda, former MLA' next week.*—**Ed**

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State-wide doctors' strike called off

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"IAS and IPS officers have no knowledge about the disease and they are unaware of ground realities. They are obsessed with numbers and this leads to harassment of doctors if targets are not achieved. The Health Department has senior doctors and they must be appointed as Nodal Officers," Dr. Devi Anand said.

He further said that there is a severe shortage of doctors, lab technicians and other COVID Warriors and the existing personnel are working without leave since the last six months. "The Government must immediately appoint doctors and lab technicians on contract basis. This will decrease the workload and work pressure," he said.

FIR registered

Meanwhile, an FIR has been registered against Prashanth Kumar Mishra at Alanahalli Police Station for allegedly abetting the suicide of Dr. Nagendra. Police said an FIR has been registered against Prashant Kumar Mishra under Section 306 of the IPC.

The Police said that the case was registered on a complaint from Dr. Nagendra's father Ramakrishna. He alleged in his plaint that Mishra had set additional targets for his son, who had been doing extra COVID-19 related work since January, and threatened to book him under the National Disaster Management Act if he did not meet it.

Nagendra had also approached his higher-ups to supply essential materials, but to no avail, his father said. He alleged that due to this stress brought on by Mishra, his son committed suicide on the intervening of Aug. 19 and Aug. 20 by hanging himself.

Avail loan facility

Mysuru, Aug. 23- Karnataka Vishwakarma Development Corporation has invited applications from candidates belonging to Vishwakarma community to avail loans under various schemes including self-employment loan, Arivu educational loan, Ganga Kalyana Yojane, micro-credit loan for women as well as training and loan schemes for potters, goldsmiths and carpenters.

Annual family income should not exceed Rs. 40,000 for rural applicants, Rs. 55,000 for urban applicants and Rs. 3.5 lakh for Arivu scheme.

Interested candidates may collect application forms from the district office of the Corporation before Aug.31 and submit the filled-in application forms along with all necessary documents before Sept. 16. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2341194, according to a press release.

Former MP demands judicial probe into Nanjangud doctor's death

Mysuru, Aug.23 (MTY&DM)- Putting the blame entirely on the State Government for the suicidal death of Nanjangud Taluk Health Officer (THO) Dr.S.R. Nagendra, former Chamarajanagar MP R. Dhruvanarayan has demanded a probe by a sitting Judge of the High Court on the death of the THO.

Addressing a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House here yesterday, R. Dhruvanarayan held Medical Education Minister Dr.K. Sudhakar, who has been put in charge of COVID Care in the State responsible for the unfortunate incident and sought his immediate resignation. Demanding an impartial probe by a sitting Judge of the High Court, he said that the Government must give a suitable job to the wife of deceased Dr. Nagendra, within a fortnight.

Maintaining that there is a huge staff crunch in the Health Department, the former MP said that 60 percent of medical care jobs in Nanjangud taluk were lying vacant and urged the Government to immediately fill them up.

Alleging a Rs.2,000 crore scam in the purchase of Medical equipment amid the COVID-19 crisis, Dhruvanarayan alleged negligence on the part of the District Minister, who has chosen to stay in Bengaluru, for the high number of COVID-19 deaths in the district.

Accusing the Government of not paying salaries to some of the medical services staff for the past three months, he urged the Government to enhance bed capacity in all Hospitals along with the necessary infrastructure.

Giving details about the Congress party's 'Arogya Hastha' health care programme across the State, Dhruvanarayan said that the programme involves health check up of scores of people coming under 7,800 Gram Panchayats. A total of 25,000 volunteers have been trained for the conduct of the programme with three volunteers assigned to each GP, he added.

KPCC Spokesperson H.A. Venkatesh, former MLA Kalale Keshavamurthy, City Congress President R. Murthy, District President Dr.B.J. Vijaykumar and other leaders were present at the press meet.

Shooting of films, TV serials to resume

New Delhi, Aug. 23 (UNI)- Ever since the Coronavirus outbreak and imposed lockdown in the country, shootings of various films and television shows have been put on halt. After approximately three months, the shooting in certain States resumed keeping in mind all the necessary precautions.

And now, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting (I&B), Prakash Javadekar this morning made an important announcement and said that the Ministry has released a detailed Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for resuming work in the media production industry. The general principles behind the SOP will help create a safe working environment for cast and crew in the industry.

"I am happy to announce that we are releasing standard operating procedure for film and TV programme shooting. The shooting of films and TV serials can be resumed now while following the norms of social distancing and wearing of masks except for the people who are being recorded on camera." said Prakash Javadekar.

The SOP ensures adequate distancing at shoot locations an and contains measures including proper sanitisation, crowd management and provision for protective equipment.

Search for Talacauvery landslide victims given up

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On Aug. 8, the rescue team could recover the body of Ananda Theertha near their house. Later, decomposed bodies of two more persons, Narayanachar and Ravikiran Bhat, were traced near Nagatheertha, two kilometres away from landslide site.

The search was conducted till six kilometres from the landslide site to nearby Korangala village. Four excavators and over 150 personnel had been deployed by the State Government.

Pulling out the bodies had posed a challenge to the rescue teams due to difficult mountainous terrain and hostile weather conditions. Even after 16 days of massive search operations, bodies of Shantha Achar and Srinivas Bhat could not be traced.

Rescue personnel could only find household items belonging to the family including identity card and PAN card of Srinivas Bhat and a bag used by Shantha Achar. After discussing with the family members as well as MLA K.G. Bopaiah, Kodagu Deputy Commissioner Annies Kanmani Joy took a decision to end the search.

2018, 2019 victims still missing

In 2018, Kodagu district had witnessed worst landslides. Due to landslides and flash floods that occurred on Aug. 17, 2018 near Jodupala village, a 15-year-old girl Manjula went missing. Even after a month-long search operation, her body could not be traced.

In 2019, on Varamahalakshmi festival day (Aug. 9) a massive landslide in Thora village in Virajpet taluk had brought down the Manipare hillock, killing four persons from two families including a pregnant woman. Rescue operations were carried out for 23 days but the bodies of missing persons could not be traced.

Now, this year too, bodies of two missing persons could not be traced and they have joined the list of persons permanently missing. Only trees and vegetation washed away were found but not human bodies.

Report submitted

Kodagu DC and senior Police officials have submitted a report to the State Government about the rescue operations at the landslide site including day-to-day activities, number of persons and equipment involved, names of missing persons and their belongings and other such details. The DC has requested the State Government to consider this as a special case and sanction compensation to the families of missing persons.

Congress demands resignation of Ministers B. Sriramulu and Dr.K. Sudhakar

Mysuru, Aug.23 (MTY&DM)- Holding BJP Government directly responsible for the suicidal death of Nanjangud Taluk Health Officer (THO) Dr. S.R. Nagendra, Congress spokesperson M. Lakshmana has demanded immediate resignation of Health Minister B. Sriramulu and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar for their failure in addressing the issues raised by doctors who are at the frontline in the battle against the deadly COVID-19 pandemic.

Addressing a press meet at Congress Bhavan near City Railway Station here this morning, Lakshmana said that 1,150 of the 2,160 posts in the Health Department of Mysuru District have remained vacant for years and this has had a telling effect on the health care system. Urging the Government to fill up all vacant posts in the Health Department across the State, he maintained that the shortage of medical staff has resulted in a big burden on serving medical officers. Alleging that unrealistic tasks set out by the higher authorities had led to the cause of Nanjangud THO's death, he reiterated his demand for the resignations of Ministers B. Sriramulu and Dr. K. Sudhakar for their failure in addressing COVID-19 issues.

Citing the example of Congress Minister K.J. George, who quit from the Siddharamaiah Government after the then Opposition BJP sought his dismissal over the suicidal death of Dy.SP M.K. Ganapathy in 2016, Lakshmana wanted the two Ministers to quit on moral grounds for the death of Dr. Nagendra. He also demanded a thorough probe by a sitting HC Judge or by the CBI in order to find out the circumstances that led to the death of Dr. Nagendra.

Criticising CM Yediyurappa who had come to the district for offering *bagina* to Kabini Dam for not visiting the family of the deceased THO, he said that the CM, as the head of the State, should have consoled Dr. Nagendra's family members and held talks with the striking doctors for restoring confidence in them.

Referring to KPCC Chief D.K. Shivakumar's phone-tapping charges against the BJP Government, Lakshmana said that Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai's reply to the charges were nothing but childish. Reminding the BJP that the previous JD(S)-Congress coalition Government had ordered a probe into allegations of phone tapping of several Mutt Seers during 'Operation Lotus' last year, he wanted the present Government too to order an impartial probe into the phone tapping charges made by the Opposition Congress party.

Former Karnataka State Womens Commission Chairperson Manjula Manasa, who too addressed, urged the Government to fill all vacant posts in the Health Department on priority basis. Asking the Government to provide quality PPE and other safety kits to COVID-19 warriors in time, she alleged that lack of co-ordination between Corona Warriors was impeding the battle against COVID-19. She urged the Government to resolve issues regarding COVID care and take responsibility for quarantine of all frontline Corona Warriors in accordance with the protocol.

City Congress President R. Murthy, leaders Mahesh, M. Shivanna and others were present at the press meet.

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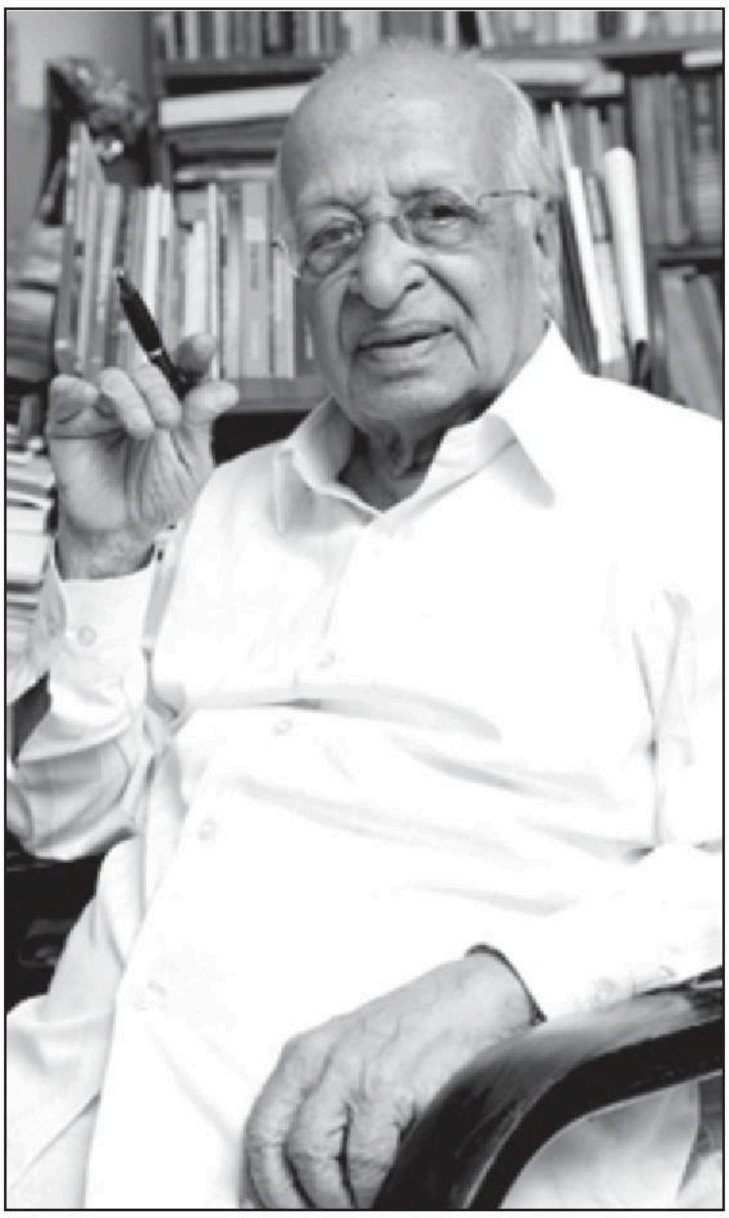
Mysore Memories...

Kannada linguist, grammarian, teacher, writer and lexicographer...

G. Venkatasubbiah turns 107

For over half a century (54 years to be accurate), the incessant toil and hard work of a group of Kannada grammarians and linguists saw the publication of what is probably the most comprehensive Kannada dictionary till date — a tome which runs to about 9,000 pages. The man who led this herculean effort was a Kannada linguist, grammarian, teacher, writer and lexicographer all rolled into one. He is today 107 years of age and has lived through two World Wars and two Pandemics and is without doubt the Guardian Angel of Kannada language — the very 'Jiva' of Kannada — Ganjam Venkatasubbiah (G. Venkatasubbiah, fondly called GV). —Ed



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: ***Prof. G. Venkatasubbiah***

By Dr. S.N. Bhagirath

Ganjam Venkatasubbiah is without doubt one of Kannada language's guardian angels. Born on 23rd of August, 1913 in Kaygonahalli of Mandya district, G. Venkatasubbiah (GV) was the second among eight children to parents Thimmannayya and Subbamma. His father was a renowned Sanskrit and Kannada scholar who taught Kannada at the local Government School. Because of frequent transfers, GV's childhood was spent in towns like Bannur, Madhugiri, before coming to Mysore for his College education.

GV spent his childhood at Madhugiri between 1927-1930 and was privy to many a great people visiting the town. One such was Mahatma Gandhi who visited the town and stayed in the Inspection Bungalow (IB). GV as a young scout cadet had the distinction of being posted outside Gandhiji's room and had the rare privilege of talking with the Father of the Nation for a few minutes.

Similarly, he was also fortunate enough to see and listen to Maasti Venkatesh Iyengar for the first time when he visited Madhugiri. These childhood experiences would mould his future endeavours. His classmates included the likes of K.S. Narayanaswami, the editor of 'Gandhi Sahitya Samputa' and K.S. Krishnaswami, an eminent economist of his time who would eventually become the Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Vice-President of World Bank.

GV joined Yuvaraja College, Mysore, to pursue Intermediate course and selected courses in Ancient History, Sanskrit and Kannada. Here he came under the influence of K.V. Puttappa (Kuvempu) who imbibed in him a love for old Kannada.

He gained admission to the B.A. Honours course in 1933 and came under the tutelage of Prof. T.S. Venkanayya, who taught "Pampa Bharata", Prof. D.L. Narasimachar, who taught "Editorial Science", Prof. T.N. Srikantaiah, who taught "Kavyamimamse" and Dr. S. Srikanta Sastri, who taught "Karnataka History". During the "Mysore Student Union Celebrations", GV was the proud recipient of numerous awards both in academic as well as in extra-curricular activities. While conferring these awards upon young GV, Prof. S. Radhakrishnan patted him on his shoulder and commended him for his excellence in extracurricular pursuits.

G. Venkatasubbiah with B.M. Srikantaiah (B. A. Honours - III year).

Misses scholarship by half a mark

Venkatasubbiah stood among the top scorers in B. A. Honours. However, a difference of half a mark rendered him ineligible for a scholarship. Though disappointed at not receiving the scholarship, the turn of events was not without a silver lining. Principal of Maharaja's College, Prof. J.C. Rollo came to his rescue and made sure that GV obtained a scholarship which he so well deserved, thus paving way for higher studies. He was also recipient of the "Honnashetty Award" for the best essay in Kannada in a competition held between Central College, Bangalore and Maharaja's College, Mysore.

GV joined M.A. course in 1936. His final exam viva-voce was conducted by a team consisting of Prof. B.M. Srikantaiah, Prof. T.S. Venkanayya and Prof. Benegal Rama Rao. This formidable trio conducted the viva-voce examination for two-and-a-half hours and at the end concluded by saying that they were placing the future of Kannada language in GV's hands!

GV was awarded a Gold Medal in M.A. and this was to be conferred upon him at the Mysore University Convocation in 1937. On the stage were His Highness Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and the doyen of Kannada literature D.V. Gundappa sitting in the VIP row. The young GV was sitting in the first row of Gold medallists with one leg crossed over another. The ever-observant DVG saw this and signalled to him to uncross his legs, as it was a sign of disrespect to the Maharaja. According to GV, this was a lesson in propriety. After obtaining MA degree in Kannada, he also got a Bachelor's degree in Teaching.

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KSRTC Volvo buses yet to hit the streets post lockdown relaxation

KSRTC experiments with new seating arrangement in Rajahamsa bus

Mysuru, Aug. 23 (RK&DM)- Three months after the State-run KSRTC resumed operation of buses following relaxation in COVID-19 enforced nationwide lockdown, Volvo Air-Conditioned (AC) Luxury buses of Mysuru Rural Division are yet to hit the streets due to poor commuter patronisation.

As there is a common assumption that the deadly Novel Coronavirus is airbone and an AC system facilitates rapid spread of the virus, many people are scared to travel in Volvo AC buses. Till Mar. 22, a day before the nationwide lockdown was enforced, the Mysuru City Division operated 36 Volvo AC buses, with each of them making at least five trips a day. Most of the Volvo buses operated to destinations such as Hebbal where many IT majors such as Infosys, Wipro and L&T are located, Chamundi Hill and Mysore Airport in Mandakalli.

Much of the revenue earnings of Volvo buses depended on IT employees who most often travelled by these buses. But now as a majority of the employees are asked to Work From Home (WFH) as a precautionary measure against the COVID-19 pandemic, there a few takers for Volvo buses. Also, the number of passengers travelling in these buses to Chamundi Hill and Mysore Airport has dropped drastically and as such, the KSRTC authorities have completely withdrawn the services.

While this is the situation in case of City Division, the situation in the Mysuru Rural Division is far more worse as Volvo buses are yet to hit the streets. Before the KSRTC stopped operations in March, the Rural Division used to operate 70 Volvo AC buses every day, out of which 10 operated on Mysuru-Bengaluru route alone. Some of the other destinations were Murudeshwar, Belagavi, Mumbai, Mangaluru, Udupi, Gokarna, Chennai, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Kottayam, Ernakulam, Thiruvananthapuram etc., However, due to the notion that travel in AC buses is riskier during COVID-19 times, passengers are reluctant to board these buses, thus forcing the KSRTC authorities not to resume Volvo AC bus service until the COVID-19 situation eases.

Similarly, private bus service to long destinations too have been stopped owing to losses due to poor occupancy.

KSRTC suffers huge losses

Owing to poor occupancy triggered by the deadly COVID-19 pandemic, both the KSRTC Divisions (City and Rural) of Mysuru have suffered huge losses over the past five months post lockdown.

The Mysuru City Division with its fleet of about 400 buses, had revenue earnings of Rs.35 lakh from the sale of tickets on an average every day prior to the suspension of services due to lockdown in March. But now, the revenue earnings have plummeted to just Rs.8 lakh, with the Division operating just half (200 buses) of its fleet strength due to poor passenger patronage.

Mysuru City Divisional Controller Nagaraj said that poor occupancy is the major cause the Division's huge losses. But recently, the occupancy has improved with the gradual easing of lockdown regulations and so does the revenue earnings, he said and added that the revenue collection may peak once things return to complete normalcy and educational Institutions re-open.

Mysuru Rural Division Controller Ashok Kumar said that the Division is facing a grim situation due to mounting losses. Pointing out that the Division used to record earnings of Rs.75 lakh on an average every day prior to the lockdown, he said that due to the COVID-19 crisis, the revenue earnings has dipped to Rs. 22 lakh a day, which is just about 30 percent of the regular collection in normal days.

Noting that the Division is operating just half of its fleet strength, he said that only a few people are willing to travel during COVID-19 times. Occupancy has become a matter of great concern, Ashok Kumar said and added that the KSRTC's appeal to passengers for booking their tickets online for avoiding crowding at bus terminals too has not helped much, with passengers still scary of travelling.

He further said that the Division has incurred an estimated loss of Rs.9 crore from March to third week of August.

New seating arrangement in Rajahamsa bus

Meanwhile, the KSRTC, badly hit by the pandemic, has started experimenting with the alignment of seats in its fleet of buses to help passengers maintain distance from each other.

It has reduced seats in quite a few of its Rajahamsa fleet from 39 to 29 by rearranging them so that there are three seats instead of four in a row. On a trial basis, the KSRTC has started operating the modified Rajahamsa buses with 29 seats on Bengaluru-Mysuru route.

Pointing out that earlier Rajahamsa buses had 39 seats, officials said that this number has been reduced to 29 to create more space between passengers. Noting that earlier the buses had two seats on either side, they said that following the modification, there will be independent seats in a row. The new seat in the middle ensures a safe gap between passengers, thus helping in maintenance of physical distancing between passengers, the officials added.

It is pertinent to note here that the APSRTC has recently come up with a similar seating arrangement in its fleet of buses to ensure physical distancing among passengers.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	146
Total positive cases	:	4,093
Total discharges	:	2,422
Total deaths	:	42
Total active cases	:	1,629

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	67
Total positive cases	:	2,023
Total discharges	:	1,457
Total deaths	:	26
Total active cases	:	532

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	24
Total positive cases	:	1,166
Total discharges	:	887
Total deaths	:	16
Total active cases	:	263

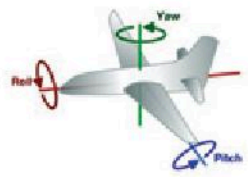
Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	209
Total positive cases	:	5,796
Total discharges	:	3,804
Total deaths	:	149
Total active cases	:	1,843

WORD OF THE DAY

Yaw

Pronunciation: YAW.



Meaning: Of a ship : to deviate erratically from a course (as when struck by a heavy sea); especially : to move from side to side; of an airplane, spacecraft, or projectile : to turn by angular motion about the vertical axis; to change from one to another repeatedly : alternate.

Origin: In the heyday of large sailing ships, numerous nautical words appeared on the horizon. Yaw is one such word. Its origin isn't exactly known, but it began turning up in print in the 16th century, first as a noun (meaning "movement off course" or "side to side movement") and then as a verb. For centuries, it remained a sailing word—often alongside pitch ("to have the front end rise and fall")—with occasional extended use as a synonym of the verb alternate. When the era of airplane flight dawned, much of the vocabulary of sailing found new life in aeronautics, and "yawing" was no longer confined to the sea. Nowadays, yaw, pitch, and roll are just as likely to be used by pilots and rocket scientists to describe the motion of their crafts.

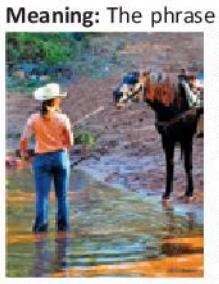
THE ODD WORD

Yarak

Of a hawk, in good condition for hunting.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink



Meaning: The phrase "you can lead a horse to water, but you can't make it drink" is a proverb that means you can provide someone with a great opportunity, but you can't force them to take it if they don't want to.

Origin: Where does the phrase come from? It sounds like an expression a horseback rider would come up with. Imagine it: After a long day's work, a horseback rider leads their horse to a river. This would be a perfect opportunity for the horse to drink, but for whatever reason... they choose not to. Well, this phrase (or at least, the idea of it) is said to go back to the 12th century. It was written in a book called Old English Homilies, 1175:
"Hwa is thet mei thet hors wettrien the him-self nule drinken?
[Who can give water to the horse that will not drink of its own accord?]
OR
[Who is he that may water the horse and not drink himself?]"
This quote may or may not share a connection with this proverb. With the first translation (seen in the first set of brackets), it does look like there is a connection. However, if the second translation is actually the correct one, then the quote is simply talking about a man giving water to his horse and also drinking some himself. If that's the case, then what would that have to do with the proverb? Nothing! So the question is, which translation is accurate?

QUOTE BOX

A pony is a childhood dream. A horse is an adulthood treasure.

—Rebecca Carroll

RIDDLE THIS

What runs all around a backyard, yet never moves?

Answer: A fence.

SUDOKU

1				8		6		
		3		5			9	
5			2		3			
8	5					9		
4								3
		9					4	1
			9		5			7
	6			3		1		
		5		6				8

Answer to previous puzzle

1	2	9	3	5	6	8	7	4
8	6	7	9	2	4	1	5	3
5	4	3	8	7	1	2	9	6
4	1	5	6	3	7	9	2	8
7	9	2	1	4	8	3	6	5
3	8	6	2	9	5	7	4	1
6	7	8	5	1	2	4	3	9
9	5	4	7	8	3	6	1	2
2	3	1	4	6	9	5	8	7

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 ___ Khayyam
5 Tooth-bearing bone
8 A small wooded valley
12 One of India's major rivers
13 Great story
14 Indian peasant
15 Attenuated or diluted
17 Makes less severe
19 Unit of computer memory
20 Circuits of a course
22 Viewpoint or aspect
26 Cowboy's noose
29 Passed away
30 Naught or nothing
31 Unit of frequency
33 Q-U connectors
34 Not excited
36 Unearthly
38 Wild rose bush
40 Furry dog Lhasa ____
41 Capital of Ukraine
43 Implements
47 Keep in mind
51 Oak for example
52 Lump of earth, clay etc.
53 Bangle
54 The muse of history in classical mythology
55 A filthy place, all will agree?
56 Of Indian or local origin

DOWN

1 Fearsome giant
2 1998 French Open Champion
3 Fusses
4 "slater" change for rat-like animals
5 Cylindrical glass container
6 Iraqis or Saudis
7 Lean and sinewy
8 Protect or safeguard
9 "Cycle" or "centre" prefix
10 Make a false statement
11 Liquid Crystal Display
16 Estimated Time of Arrival
18 Ornamental scarf
21 Sonnet or verse
23 Ex-India President
24 ___ majesty : treason toward the king or country ?
25 Energy Design Technique, abbr.
26 He seldom tells the truth
27 ___ ___ have : everything that is owned by me? (3,1)
28 Stride
30 Natl. Coal Board
32 Enjoyment, excitement
35 Manage with limited resources? (4,2)
37 ___ out : found and got rid of?
39 Border
40 Prevent, avoid
42 Flows back
44 Shield or heraldic border
45 Sediment forming during fermentation
46 Search for extraterrestrial intelligence, acronym?
47 Reinforced cement concrete, in short
48 Old English measure or the right-angled letter?
49 'Me' in French
50 Fish or sunbeam

FRIDAY'S ANSWER

M	A	C	H	■	A	L	E	F	■	E	N	E
A	M	O	I	■	P	O	L	O	■	A	Y	N
N	A	B	S	■	A	L	F	R	E	S	C	O
U	N	S	N	A	R	L	■	U	L	T	■	■
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L	A	B	S	■	C	O	X	■	M	L	L	E
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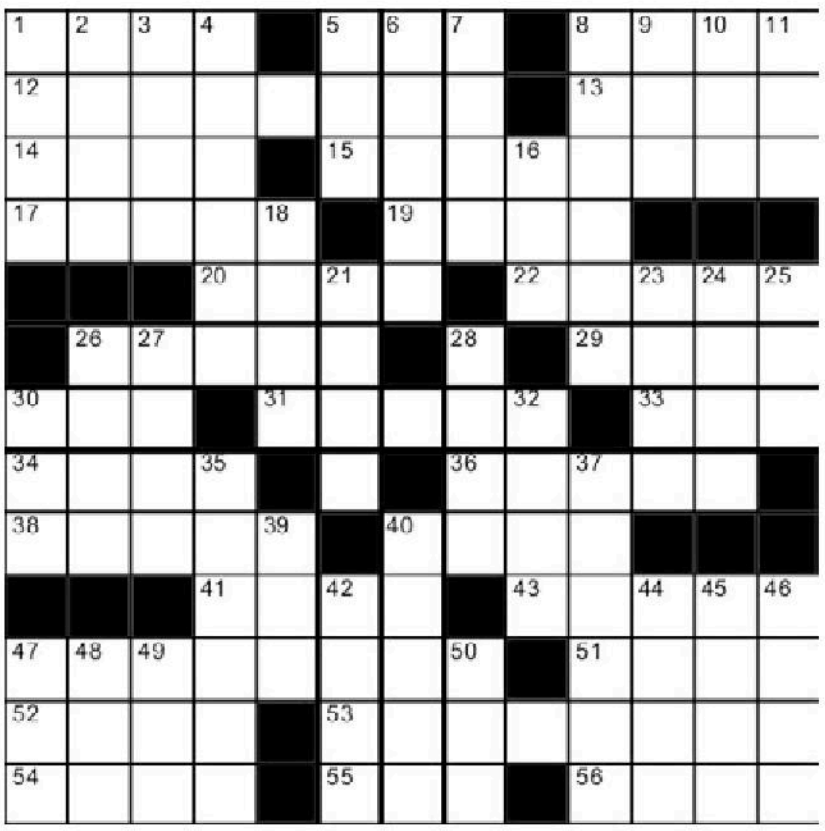


CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

LQZ NFBM LQGFS DNTYZ LQIF I HIF MNP

EIF'L ENFLTNB GY I HIF MNP EIF

TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS C

Friday's Cryptoquip: A couple of months in the laboratory can save a couple of hours in the library.

Kannada linguist-lexicographer

Ganjam Venkatasubbiah turns 107 today

[Continued from page 8]

G. Venkatasubbiah (GV) married Lakshmi in the 1930s in Mandya. His wife, along with other ladies of Bangalore, started "Mahila Seva Samaja," a social organisation, which was inaugurated by His Highness Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar. She passed away at the age of 92 years in 2018. The couple had completed nearly eight decades of marriage by then!

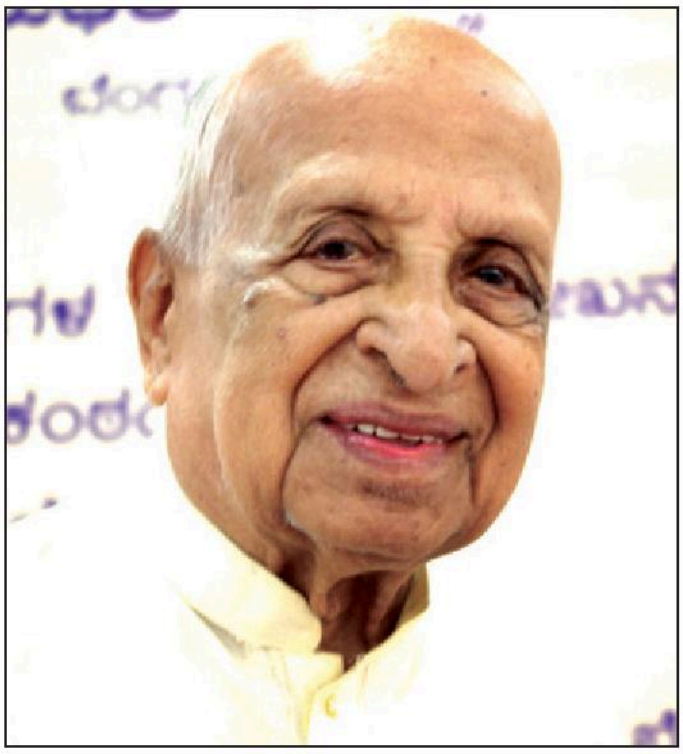
English teacher !

By 1939, Second World War was round the corner and securing a steady job became an increasingly arduous task. Unable to secure proper employment, GV began to give private tuitions to poor students earning nominal amounts barely enough to run the family. His oratorical skills, now famous, earned him several invitations across Mysore and Mandya to deliver lectures. At one such event in Mandya, hearing his lecture and deeply impressed by the depth of knowledge, the then Deputy Commissioner of Mandya S.J. Mehkri pleaded with him to accept a teaching position at the local Municipal High School for a salary of thirty rupees. The catch was that he had been invited to teach not Kannada but English! The need for money being absolute, GV continued in this position for six months.

Following his stint at Mandya, GV was offered a position at Bangalore High School. Here also he was requested to teach not Kannada but English. It is indeed ironical that Kannada language's towering giant had his humble beginnings as a teacher of English. While at Bangalore High School, he inspired his friend Ramachandra Sharma to pen Kannada poetry. Heeding his advice, Sharma brought forth his first book titled "Hrudayageethe" in 1952 with a preface by Gopalakrishna Adiga and Subbanna R. Ekkundi.

Western style suit

GV is a pioneer among Kannada lecturers to wear a western style suit and enter the lecture hall. Till then the Kannada pundits wore the native ethnic attire. The teaching career of GV culminated in becoming the Principal of Vijaya Evening College, Bangalore. Here GV would serve as Lecturer, Professor and Principal of the Evening College. He is best remembered for starting the student magazine "Utsaha." His lectures in the classroom left many a student spell-bound and transfixed. His repertoire of Kannada literature and the unique ability to bring to life these characters and events in the classroom won him a great following. His students reminisce with great fondness that GV's teaching was not purely confined to the language and its vicissitudes at hand, but rather the philosophical connotations implied therein. This was what set him apart from the rest.



Lexicographer Prof. G. Venkatasubbiah

Felicitation volumes

When GV completed sixty years of age, felicitation volume titled "Sahityajeevi" was published. Similarly, on his ninetieth year, "Shabdasagara" was released. In 2011, book titled "Vidvajeevita" was brought out in his honour under the editorship of Padekallu Vishnu Bhat. His centenary year was a momentous occasion and was marked by many events and functions across Karnataka. Many felicitation volumes were presented to him. The Centenary Year Welcome Committee under the Editorship of Dr. P. V. Narayan brought forth a centenary felicitation volume titled "Shatanamana." In recognition of his eminent status in Kannada literature, he was chosen to preside over the Kannada Sahitya Sammelan at Bangalore in 2011.

In what seemed more than a mere coincidence, exactly one hundred years after Reverend Ferdinand Kittel authored the first Kannada dictionary, GV wrote "Kannada Nighantu Shastra Parichaya" in 1993-94 which was an introduction to dictionary science or lexicography in Kannada.

A seminal work, it was incidentally brought out at the behest of Dr. S. Ramegowda's (then Vice-Chancellor of Karnatak University) suggestion during the Centenary Celebration of Prof. S.S. Basavanala. This work was further expanded by Kannada Pustaka Pradhikara in a book titled "Kannada Nighantu Parivara." Prism Publishers brought out a book with a collection of articles titled "Kannada Lexicography and other articles" in English. His seminal work "Igo Kannada" is adjudged as a socio-linguistic dictionary. It encompasses an eclectic mix of Kannada idioms, phrases, usages, fables and serves as an example to other languages.

Youngest President of Kannada Sahitya Parishat

GV had a towering role to play in the affairs of Kannada Sahitya Parishat - Kannada Dictionary Committee. He started out as Secretary under Prof. A.N. Murthy Rao, who was then President of Kannada Sahitya Parishat. Following this brief stint, between the years 1964-69, GV had the rare distinction of being the youngest President ever to take office at the Kannada Sahitya Parishat till then. In this capacity he was encouraged greatly by the likes of Maasti, DVG, Aa.Na.Kru, Ti. Tha. Sharma and Ma. Ramamurthy.

While at the helm of affairs, GV increased its annual grant from the Government several fold. Subsequently, he became Editor of Kannada - Kannada Dictionary project. He was involved in Kannada Encyclopaedia Project, Sahitya Sammelana (Literary Fest) at Karwar and Shravanabelagola and as the Editor of Kannada Sahitya Parishat's monthly magazine "Kannada Nudi." In his 104th year, GV agreed to grace a book launch event at Mythic Society, Bangalore, where his teacher S. Srikanta Sastri's Collected English writings (in two volumes) titled "SRIKANTHAYANA" – Vol I and II were released to the public at a gala event. Here he reminisced his years as a student under Dr. S. Srikanta Sastri at Maharaja's College, Mysore.

GV's writings

G. Venkatasubbiah has authored about eight dictionaries, notable works on dictionary science in Kannada, about twenty seven works on literary criticism and history of Kannada literature, edited thirty odd books, eight translations and four children's books till date.

A documentary on GV was brought out in 2010 by Dharmasthala Manjunatha Dharmothana Trust titled 'Lipyantara." Gold medals have been instituted in his name at both Mysore and Bangalore Universities. A corpus of rupees one lakh is set aside by the Mico-Bosch Kannada Sangha in Prof. G. Venkatasubbiah's name, the interest from which is utilised to award an extraordinary student scholar of Kannada University, Hampi, securing a Ph.D degree.

Recognition

GV is the recipient of numerous awards and titles. Many felicitation volumes have been brought out in his honour. Till date, he has received twenty-two awards and the most prestigious ones among them are Karnataka Sahitya Academy Award, Rajyothsava Award, Nadoja honour (D. Litt.), Maasti Award, K.M. Munshi Award, Pampa Prashasthi and President of India honour for the oldest living achiever and alumni of University of Mysore.

In 2013, Rani Chennamma University conferred on GV an Honorary Doctorate in recognition of his lifetime contribution to Kannada Lexicography. Government of India conferred on GV the Padmashri in 2017.

GV's work spanning over seven decades is a testament to his unswerving dedication to the cause of Kannada language and grammar. Yet, in his own words, plenty more needs to be done — in terms of updation of the dictionary, its digitisation and the addition of newer terminologies to the language. It is indeed a sad truth that the fruit of nearly 54 years of toil (running close to 9,000 pages) has not seen print or an updation since its second reprint, several decades back!

'Kannada' definitely deserves better.

(bugs2beatles@gmail.com)

FROM LEFT: ***B.L. D'Souza, Shivaram Karanth, Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, A.N. Murthy Rao, V. Si, G. Venkatasubbiah and K.V. Puttappa (Kuvempu). Picture right shows G. Venkatasubbiah with Kengal Hanumanthaiah.***

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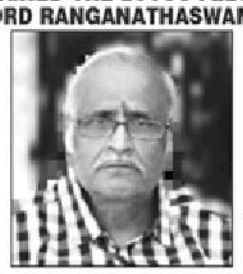

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